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In re Patent Application of:

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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING  
MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2001, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination in the above-captioned application.

**Amendments**

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title of the invention to read --KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the first sentence of the specification with the following: This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/893,300, filed July 15, 1997,

now U.S. Patent No. 6,130,038, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/021,818, filed July 16, 1996.